accorded approvals amounting to Rs.5645 crores so far. The approvals were based on assessment of requirements after following the procedure laid down for such approvals.

(c) Core probables for most sports disciplines included in the Commonwealth Games 2010 have been identified for training. State of the art training with adequate sports sciences back up is sought to be imparted to about 1200 elite medal probables. In addition, teams have been deputed abroad also for training and competitions.

(d) After obtaining the necessary regulatory clearances, work on the Competition venues and most of the Training venues has commenced and is continuing apace. Time Lines, against monitorable parameters are being monitored, on a web-based monitoring system developed by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. The work on the major stadia is progressing and is expected to be completed well in time for the Games.

Accommodation during Commonwealth Games

549. SHRI KUMAR DEEPAK DAS: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of present status of preparation for Commonwealth Games; and

(b) the steps that have been taken for accommodation of the foreign and national sports lovers keeping in view the 2010 Commonwealth Games?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL) (a) Work on Competition venues and most of the Training venues has commenced and is continuing apace. Government has approved a scheme titled "Scheme for Preparation of Indian Teams for Commonwealth Games, 2010", costing Rs.678 crore specifically designed to prepare Indian sportspersons for maximizing the medals tally in the CWG, 2010. Under this scheme, comprehensive and intensive training and exposure both in India and abroad will be provided to 1286 elite sportspersons (medal probables) of 18 sports disciplines with full scientific and medical back up facilities. The coaching/training camps and foreign exposures for the selected athletes have commenced. In addition to above, the work at the Games Village is also progressing at a fast pace, which will accommodate around 8000 athletes and officials. Infrastructure of Delhi is also being upgraded.

(b) It has been assessed that around 12,400 hotel rooms are expected to be available for the visitors during the CWG 2010. Efforts are being made to get an additional 14,500 rooms through various agencies including Governments of Uttar Pradesh and Haryana. An additional 3000 rooms are likely to be made available under the Bed and Breakfast Scheme. For further augmenting the availability, use of licensed Guest Houses in Delhi; Hostels of Educational Institutions and furnished flats of Delhi Development Authority are also being explored.

Budget of the Ministry

550. SHRI RAMA CHANDRA KHUNTIA: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government's Youth Affairs and Sports Department Budget is comparatively lower in comparison to other countries, which is the main reason for Indian Atheletes not succeeding in Olympic and all other International competition; and

(b) if so, the strategy to improve India's position in International competition?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL) (a) No, Sir.

(b) Government Strategy to improve Indian position in international competition includes provision of necessary support to the National Sports Federations for the training and preparation of national athletes. This includes the creation of state-of-the-art sports infrastructure, competition exposure (both domestic and international), equipment support, scientific support, engagement of coaches, including foreign coaches etc. For the first time, the Government has launched a major scheme of Rs.678 crore for the training and preparation of our athletes for their participation in the CWG, 2010. This scheme provides focused and need-based support in all the sports disciplines included in CWG 2010, with a view to maximize our medal prospects. Similar efforts are also on for the preparation of our national athletes for participation in other major international sports events such as Asian Games and world championships. With the objective of providing basic sports infrastructure and access to organized sports at the village level, the Panchayat Yuva Krida Khel Abhiyan has been launched from this financial year. This would also widen the base of talented sportspersons for international competition.

Recognition to Roll Ball Association

551. SHRI PRAKASH JAVADEKAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the action Government has taken regarding grant of official recognition to the Roll Ball Association of India; and

(b) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (DR. M.S. GILL) (a) and (b) The proposal of Roll Ball Federation of India for grant of recognition is pending consideration, as the guidelines for grant of recognition under the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations is under the process of revision.

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12.00 **Noon**

[MR. DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair]

PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Notifications of the Ministry of Urban Development

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI S. JAIPAL REDDY): Sir, I lay on the Table, under section 58 of the Delhi Development Act 1957, a copy each (in English and Hindi) of the following Notifications of the Ministry of Urban Development: